



## DYHA Meeting Minutes

*November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

**Meeting called to order at:** 5:32pm

**Members in Attendance:**

Jason Habrock, President  
Shane Brilley, Hockey Director  
Kim Taylor, Vice President  
Connie Lusietto, Treasurer  
Dawn Kramer, Secretary  
Stephanie Botts, Registrar  
Mark Birch  
Stephanie Edgecombe, Fundraising/Newsletter  
Todd Anderson  
Frank Earl, ACE Director, CIHL  
Dana Hanson, Website

**Review and approval of meeting minutes/September meeting minutes**

- Add Kim Taylor to attendees for October 2014 minutes.
- Motion to approve minutes with change, approved, motion passed.

**Financial Report – Connie**

- Gate fees have not been collected as of yet for high school games (Peoria league). Jason will talk to Shane about this matter.
- On the financial report, the Decatur Celebration number needs to be updated. Also, tryout ice has already been paid for and this needs to be added under Expenses.
- Jason asked what the \$125 amount was for the Tournament of Friends; this is a permit fee.
- Also, the \$30,298.08 in the general account does not include the amount in the online account.

General Fund: \$30,298.08

Bingo Account: \$10,075.63

CD1: \$10,393.95

CD2: \$4,651.58

## **Registrar's Report – Stephanie Botts**

- A few more beginners have registered, some from the Try Hockey For Free event.
- The Squirt/PeeWee house roster has been certified.
- Travel fees have been paid, and travel permits approved.
- We need to make sure we are verifying birth dates when using online registration, mostly for mites/beginners. When registering online, the birthdate is entered twice for verification, but it also needs to be verified with a birth certificate.

## **President Report - Jason**

### **Incorporation Status**

- Very close to finishing this; paperwork will be filed tomorrow, November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a \$419 filing fee, plus \$800+ in federal fees, plus possibly a state fee.
- Should be complete by December so people can make donations for this year to get company-match for their donations.
- Motion made by Jason to change the registered agent from Robert Kimmons to Jason Habrock. Stephanie E. seconded, motion passed with all in favor.
- Jason asked Kim T. to stay after the meeting to sign paperwork.

### **Name Change**

- Jason made a motion to change the name of **Decatur Amateur Hockey Association** to **Decatur Hockey**. Kim T. seconded, motion passed with all in favor.

### **Try Hockey for Free Day**

- 10 registered, 9 showed up.
- 3 of the registered used rental equipment program.
- There may be two more interested.
- Dana suggests having a registration table at the next **Try Hockey for Free Day** event.
- There is another **Try Hockey for Fee Day** in February.

### **Email Votes**

- All in favor of adding Austin Eades to HS/Midget roster.
- All in favor of removing Ryan Fyke from the HS/Midget roster.
- Jason made clear to Tim Fyke that Ryan cannot go anywhere else to play.

### **Black Friday Special**

- Jason proposed having a Black Friday special for beginner hockey registration.
- Family members can give as a Christmas gift.
- Player could start after Thanksgiving or after Christmas.
- Cost would be \$100 through the end of the season.
- No credit for hockey cards.
- Jason made motion of offer the special from Thanksgiving to December 25, seconded by Stephanie E, motion passes with all in favor.

### **High School Coach**

- Jason proposed giving a gift to Heath Whaley, the high school hockey coach, who is putting in a lot of time and money and has no kids in the program.
- Proposal is for \$500 gift to offset his costs for the first half of the season.
- The gift would apply to only head coaches only.
- Kim T commented that Pat Peters, who also has no kids in the program, is an assistant coach at Bantam level who is not committed to attend every game and every practice and has less responsibility than a head coach has.
- A gift would have tax implications.
- Could be a 'reimbursement expense'.
- Mark suggested it could be a gift from the parents on the team.
- Other leagues pay their coaches.
- This issue will be tabled for now, and will check with parents for their thoughts.

### **Hockey Director Report – Shane**

#### **Ice Scheduling**

- 98% complete.
- DYHA used 100% of the ice in October.
- DYHA has not yet used the high school Lincolnland ice; will keep through the end of November because it is easier to lose a little money than scrimmage with the Civic Center over it.
- Starting in December, Lincolnland is scheduled with 8 home games and 8 away games.
- This is up from 12 games last year, and playoffs will be in Springfield.
- First Squirt House game had 12 players.
- Mite Jamboree in February after Tournament of Friends.

#### **Student Coaches**

- Sent email to Bantam and high school players to help with mites and beginners.
- Two Blaze players have been certified and practicing with the Squirts.
- Shane has a PowerPoint presentation to present to the student coaches.

#### **Discipline and Player Safety Board**

- Meets Monday nights at 6pm; did not meet yesterday.
- Shane texts the committee late on Sunday to let the committee know about Monday meeting.
- John Latshaw, Shane Brilley, Krause, Jason Habrock, Stephanie Edgecombe, Steve Shepard, and Jamie Brandenburg are committee members.

### **ACE Director Report – Frank**

#### **Screening**

- Frank asked who has had screening done.
- Dana Hansen has completed his.
- Coaches had to be screened by October 15.
- Safesport through USA Hockey takes a long time to notify associations of completed programs.
- Dana will send a note to coaches/board members/managers to remind everyone to complete Safesport and to email the Safesport confirmation to Frank.

## **CIHL**

- First Jamboree is in Springfield on November 15.
- Next one February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Decatur should schedule one for February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- CIHL has different levels of Mite players. Biggest issue is teams wanting to play games before the rules allow.
- Midget teams are Champaign, Decatur, and Springfield. Shane says no need to play CIHL games since they are already playing these teams at Midget level.
- The Decatur House Team is PeeWee Select.

## **Fundraising Committee – Stephanie Edgecombe**

### **Calendars**

- \$20 each, can keep \$10, must sell \$25.
- May appeal more to younger players.
- Will judge interest first.

### **Newsletter Content**

- Continues to work, people are reading it.
- Tried the tracking with the Try Hockey For Free and it worked.
- Next issue will contain info about Blaze, volunteers, beginner special, hockey boards, and Tournament of Friends.

## **New Business**

### **Teddy Bear Toss – Dawn Kramer**

- Hold at a Blaze game, possible dates Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, or Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Maybe have some bears to sell at the door.
- Suggestion to have a Teddy Bear Tree as a reminder.

### **Support Our Troops – Dawn Kramer**

- Would like to schedule in January or February during a weekend with many games.

### **Girls Locker Room – Jason**

- Working with the Civic Center.
- Todd can build an 8x11 room in the maintenance area and put mats down for skates.
- Girls can meet in locker room with rest of team after everyone is dressed.

## **AHAI President Visit – John Dunne**

- John is the current president of AHAI.
- He used to run a coaching program, and he ran the Sabres program.
- He wants to sit through association meetings and introduce AHAI and find out what do leagues need from AHAI and what can AHAI do for leagues.
- Some clubs do pay coaches and this causes competition.
- Tier II club presidents are the ones setting the rules.
- AHAI board does not have any representation from clubs below I-80 and they are looking for people from our local area to represent.

- AHAI works with youth hockey in Illinois at a level between USA Hockey and the leagues.
- AHAI likes to say 'yes' and bases their decisions on what is right and what is wrong.
- AHAI is run by committees.
- John received feedback from the Suspension Committee that Decatur Hockey did a great job of handling the issue appropriately and going above and beyond to do the right thing.
- Leagues should utilize AHAI so they don't have to handle things by themselves.
- Important to make policies.
- Send event info up to AHAI level.
- The hockey boards and One Goal will continue.
- On December 28<sup>th</sup> there is an AHAI Mite Jamboree at the United Center. The players can watch the Hawks practice and then play cross-ice games, 3 at a time.
- The newsletter is great, and Stephanie should talk to Gretchen Cocky at AHAI who can pass on ideas for the newsletter and the website.
- Should have a downstate meeting for downstate board presidents because Chicago meetings are far away.
- Plans for next year and beyond: change the annual meeting to make it more of a workshop with training for hockey directors, registration, training, etc. Wisconsin did this and it went well.
- Possible also do a coaches meeting downstate.

Jason made motion to adjourn, Stephanie Botts seconded and motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

**Next meeting: December 9<sup>h</sup>, 2014 at 5:30 pm**